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KEPHART LOST MIND ON HUNTING TRIP.

Change in Mental Condition No-
ticed by Friends First
of Week.

FIRE AT UNSEEN FOES.

Imagined Lodge Was Being At-
tacked by Bandits—Brought
Back to St. Louis With
Difficulty.

While on a hunting trip the first of
the week it was noticed that Edward
Kephart, former Mercantile Bank of
Louisiana, who is now under observation at the
Hospital, was laboring under a mental
strain.

His companions were A. S. Kevell, a
dealer in paper goods at No. 26 North
Fourth street, and Charles Wise of No.
254 North Grand avenue. They tell
of Kephart's getting up in the night and
shooting through the walls of their lodge
on Establishment Creek and declaring that
the house was being attacked by Italian
bandits from a neighboring construction
gang.

It was with difficulty that the two men
rowed down the Mississippi River to a
railway station and brought Kephart back
to St. Louis.

"My friend, Charles Wise, and myself
are the owners of a shooting lodge known
as Bryant House on Establishment Creek,
about fifty miles below St. Louis," said
A. S. Kevell yesterday. "We have been in
the habit of going down there for many
seasons with friends. Kephart has often
accompanied us."

"On Friday last we made up a party
including Wise, O. R. Van Kleef of the
Colonial Tobacco Company, and A. B.
Bennett, the head of the company, to
spend the week end at the lodge. Just as
we were taking the steamer from St.
Louis, Kephart came down to see us off.
Then he decided to join us."

"We had some good shooting Saturday
and Sunday, and on Monday Van Kleef
and Bennett decided to take the small
boat down the creek to the river, and then
to St. Genevieve to catch the boat back to
St. Louis. Kephart had refused to eat
anything, and he did not drink."

"It was a stormy night when our two
companions left, and the trip was rather
uncertain, who seemed to be Kephart.
He was very nervous. About 12 o'clock in
the morning he jumped out of bed, and
rushing into Wise's room, declared that
Fidilian workmen had surrounded the
place and were going to blow it up with
dynamite. Wise tried to quiet him, but he
was so excited that he could not be reason-
ed with. Wise thought it was a joke.
Then Kephart picked up his shotgun and
began blazing through the walls at the
imaginary foes."

"By this time things were getting in-
teresting. Neither of us slept much after-
wards."

"When morning came we began to
realize that Kephart was in a bad way.
We decided to get him home as quickly as
possible. This meant a three-mile tramp
to the river, for we did not want to take
the boat along the tortuous creek. Then
a seven-mile row down the river to Modoc,
opposite St. Genevieve, to catch the rail-
road line, for we knew that we would miss
the steamer. All the time Kephart was
sure that the Sicilians were following us.
He could see them crawling along the tele-
graph wires, in the bushes along the banks
and everywhere."

"We landed at Modoc about noon, when
Kephart became calmer. We had lunch
and took the train at noon for home.
When we got back he came to my office
and got some parcels and took a Fourth
street car for his home in Kennett place.
That was the last we knew of him until a
telephone message was sent to me yester-
day, announcing that he had been taken
to the City Hospital."

"We often thought that we would in-
stall a little electric burglar alarm in the
shooting lodge, so we took a small bat-
tery with us, and we would amuse our-
selves at night giving our fingers electric
shocks, but we could not induce Kephart
to try it. He said he was too nervous, so
we did not press him."

Doctor John T. Brown, Superintendent
of the City Hospital, and Doctor W.
C. Spangnagle, who examined Kephart yester-
day and issued the order for his re-
moval to the Emergency Hospital pending
action for his transfer to the asylum,
regarded his case as critical.

"Fixed illusions, such as Kephart suf-
fers from, with no immediately recent
cause, such as alcoholism or drugs, indi-
cate a very deep-seated cause of trouble,"
said one of the physicians yesterday.

A Republic reporter talked with Kephart
yesterday afternoon. He told the story
of his visit to Establishment Creek and
named the friends he was with.

"Two of them had a battery," he said,
"which they were preparing to exhibit at
the World's Fair. By means of hypodermic
injections of certain salts they are
enabled to render the victim insensible to
the most acute forms of electrical dis-
turbance. It is something after the Tesla
wireless telegraphy, except that the indi-
vidual is made the pole instead of the
station."

"In this way they have rendered me
helpless. I did not know what it was at
first, but they talk to me all the time.
They are stationed not more than a few
blocks from here, and they talk to me all
night. I can only get a little rest by
stepping up on the iron coils and putting
my feet on wood. This breaks the con-
nection for a time. But they have put on
as high as 200,000 amperes, and attack one
vital part after another. They make the
rain talk. The trees call out to me in
threatening tones. I was in the woods
they made the birds call me names.
They are driving me distracted. They are
fleeting those two men who were with me
down at Establishment Creek."

Much sympathy was expressed for Kephart
yesterday by members of the Mercantile
Library Board and friends throughout
the city.

St. Louis Persons Sailed.
REPUBLIC SPECIAL.
Boston, Mass., March 25.—Among the 241
saloon passengers on the steamer Repub-
lic, Captain James McAuley, which sails
tomorrow forenoon for the Azores, will
be the following from St. Louis: Mr.
and Mrs. H. W. Cherry, Mr. W. B. James,
Miss Josephine Cherry, Mr. F. B. Iner,
Mr. Edward Wallace, Miss Helen Miller,
Walter, Mr. F. W. Wallace, Mr. W. W.
Mr. R. S. Washburn and Mrs. Washburn
and maid, Miss Gertrude Watson.

FILIPINO TRIBES ARRIVE AT FAIR.

Eight Carloads of Head-Hunt-
ers of Archipelago Quar-
tered in Cuartel.

WILL ERECT NATIVE HUTS.

One Man Stricken With Pneu-
monia on Train Taken to
Mullanphy Hospital for
Treatment.

The terrible head-hunters and other na-
tives of the Philippines have arrived. They
reached the World's Fair Grounds last
night and were taken over the World's
Fair terminal tracks to the rear of the
Cuartel, where they left the train and
took up their quarters in the rooms pre-
pared on the second floor of the building,
which had been made ready for their com-
ing.

Owing to the inability of the Terminal
Association engine to cope with the 5-per-
cent grade leading up the hill past the
Philippines, the train of eight cars was
split in sections. While the sections were
waiting for the trip up the hill, the oppor-
tunity was taken to go through the train
and to see these natives of the wildest
tribes of the Archipelago.

There were Igorrotes, Moros, Negritos
or Aetas, Visayans and Magnyans. Seen
amid the prosaic surroundings of tourist
cars, they did not seem very fierce, yet the
Igorrotes have the reputation of being
cannibals, and in the baggage car were
some of their trophies in the shape of hu-
man heads, so the interpreter, Henry
Lopes, assured the visitors.

It was difficult to distinguish between
the men and the women, for both were
dressed alike. Some of both sex had long
black hair streaming about their shoulders.
Both men and women were wearing ear-
rings, only the men's rings were of metal
and relatively small, while some of the
women had their ears slit for an inch
along the outer edge, and in this slit they
had inserted the ends of their necks.

Many of them were tattooed with pat-
terns like lightning running zigzag down
their cheeks or across their brows, and
one woman was observed who seemed to
have her hair half-way down her neck.
These natives are about four inches across
and lend a touch of color to their dark-
blue pajamas like traveling suits.

Rumors that many of them had thrown
away part of their clothing on the trip
across the continent could be readily ver-
ified from observation. The cars were
warm, but around the stoves in the ends
there were clusters of natives, hugging
close to the hottest place they could find.

Many of them appeared sick and not
at all happy. One member of the party
was taken from the train and hurried to the
Mullanphy Hospital. He was of the Mag-
nyan tribe, made in the island of Mindoro,
and was almost dead from pneumonia.

While most of the natives sat listlessly
about, some of them played cards with a
deck that had swords instead of spades
and curious figures on horseback for the
kings and jacks. The game was similar
to pinocchio, as the players laid down cer-
tain cards to make a "meld." They looked
happy, even when a little argument arose
over the game and one of the players
went back over his cards to show that he
was in the right.

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1902, after this interview. I had not been
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BURTON TESTIFIES IN HIS DEFENSE.

Denies That He Used Senatorial
Influence in Post-Office
Department.

SAYS HE COPIED CONKLING.

All Evidence Completed in Case,
Which Is to Be Argued and
Submitted to Jury
To-Day.

CHARGE AGAINST BURTON.
AND PENALTY, IF CONVICTED.
Senator Joseph Ralph Burton of
Kansas is being tried on the charge
of violating section No. 183 of the
Federal Statutes. The indictment
is that he "offered to accept and did
receive compensation for serv-
ices rendered before the Post-Office
Department for the Rialto Grain
and Securities Company."

There are seven counts.
The extreme penalty on each
charge, if he is convicted, is im-
prisonment for two years and a fine
of \$10,000.

The minimum penalty is one day's
imprisonment and \$1 fine on each
charge.

If a conviction is secured, what-
ever the punishment, the one con-
victed is barred forever from
holding any office in the United
States.

The attorneys for the defense in the
case of United States Senator Burton of
Kansas opened and closed their case in
the Federal District Court yesterday with
the testimony of Thomas B. Harlan, at-
torney for the Rialto Grain and Securi-
ties Company; M. G. Price, Post-Office In-
spector; W. W. Smith, private secretary
to Senator Burton; Senator J. R. Burton,
the defendant; and Chester H. Krum, se-
nior counsel for the defense.

As foretold in The Republic, the de-
fense acknowledged that Senator Burton
had received compensation from the Rialto
Grain and Securities Company, and only
introduced evidence tending to show that
the services rendered by Senator Burton
were not of an illegal character.

The case probably will go to the jury
this afternoon or evening. When the de-
fense rested its case, the District Attorney
announced that he desired to introduce
evidence in rebuttal, which would occupy
not more than twenty minutes. When
this job finished this morning, the spee-
ches of the attorneys will begin, and it is not
thought that they will occupy more than
one day.

For the Government, District Attorney
Dyer, Assistant District Attorney Norton
and Horace Dyer will speak, and both
Chester H. Krum and Frederick W. Leh-
mann probably will address the jury in be-
half of the defense.

S Senator Burton, the principal witness
yesterday, took the stand at 3:10 p. m.
His replies to questions were made in a
clear, well-modulated voice. He made no
attempt to give a dramatic turn to his
statements, and while he at times made
his statements very emphatic and a little
diffused his face, the most of his state-
ments were made in an even, unim-
passioned tone, which his clear, sharp
enunciation carried to all parts of the
courtroom. His testimony follows:

"MY NAME IS J. R. BURTON. I am 53 years
old. I am a native of Kansas. I have
taken my seat in that body on March 4,
1901. The statement of Attorney Har-
lan as to my being employed as counsel
for the Rialto Grain and Securities Com-
pany is practically correct."

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FOLK CARRIES VERNON COUNTY.

Will Have at Least 59 Out of 87
Delegates to County Con-
vention To-Day.

WINS IN ALL NEVADA WARDS.

Reed Runs Better in Country
Than in Town—Lieutenant
Governor Rubey Makes
Plea for Harmony.

GUBERNATORIAL CONTESTS
IN EIGHT COUNTIES TO-DAY.
Contests for delegates to the Dem-
ocratic State Convention will be
held in the following counties to-
day:

Atchison, Clinton,
Benton, Holt,
Randolph, Crawford,
Gentry, Grundy.

REPUBLICAN SPECIAL.
Nevada, Mo., March 25.—Folk has car-
ried Vernon County, he now having fifty-
nine delegates to the County Convention
and Reed twenty.

Five more small precincts are to be
heard from, but they cannot affect the re-
sult.

The total number of delegates elected at
to-day's mass meeting is eighty-seven.
To-morrow's convention will select nine
delegates to the State Convention at Jef-
ferson City.

Great interest has been taken in to-day's
contest on account of Vernon being one of
the big counties of the State. A. B. Cook-
errell and A. J. Daly were the leaders of
the Folk movement, and to them is largely
due the Folk victory.

Reed's 20 votes all came from the coun-
try, while Folk has 39 from the country
and 20 out of the city, he having carried
all of the city wards.

Lieutenant Governor Tom L. Rubey ad-
dressed a crowd in front of Hotel Mitchell
after the victory had been announced. He
appealed to all Democrats to stand to-
gether and vote for the party nominee
for Governor.

To-night the Folk crowd is celebrating
the victory with a fireworks display.

In several precincts nearly the total vote
was polled, in spite of the heavy rain in
Center Township, outside of Nevada,
the contest was liveliest. County School
Commissioner Verkamp, committeeman,
called the meeting to order. He said:

"We want a fair and honest election,
so as to leave no ground for suspicion or
scandal. Let's discharge the heavy duty
that will be creditable to Democracy
and ourselves."

John Shanks nominated Verkamp for
chairman and took aye and no vote before
the House understood the motion. The
Folk forces desired Clyde Lison, but
Mr. Verkamp insisted that a chairman
had been elected and called for a vote for
secretary. Confusion reigned for a time.
A dozen men protested against the chair-
man's ruling. Many cries of "We want
a chairman first."

Mr. Verkamp said to nominate a secre-
tary. A big chorus of voices called, "Give
us a chairman first."

After considerable argument the Folk
forces gave way to Verkamp. The Folk
force then elected a secretary by a large
majority; also carried the precinct by
a 10-2 vote.

In Washington Township, where the
Missouri State Insane Asylum vote was
cast, Folk won a complete victory. They
carried it by a vote of 49, which was
quite a surprise to the Reed forces.

NO SHINE STANDS IN FOREST PARK.

Council Votes Down Bill, Fearing
to Establish Precedent in
Letting Concessions.

Whether the city should allow the priv-
ilege of a bootblacking stand at De Bal-
liere and Lindell avenues in Forest Park
was the subject of considerable discussion
at last evening's session of the City Coun-
cil. The measure, which came from the
House of Delegates, was defeated by a
vote of 6 to 4.

Councilmen Newell and Rolfe con-
tended that it would be a great convenience
to have a bootblacking stand handy for
Folk visitors, but the majority of the
Council held that if a precedent was es-
tablished in letting concessions, the city
would be besieged with like applications
from fruit vendors to shoe-street peddlers.

The bill amending Controller Player's
measure for the decorating of the New City
Hall, which provides for the raising of
the appropriation from \$20,000 to \$25,000,
was laid over for one meeting. A bill
providing for the purchase of a locomotive
for the Waterworks, which was referred
back to committee at the Council's last
meeting, was reported favorably.

A measure allowing the Washburn and
Colorado Railroads to elevate their tracks
and allowing the Transit Company the
privilege of temporary abandoning tracks
on the World's Fair Grounds, was
passed. By this bill De Baliviere avenue,
Skinner road and Pershing boulevard were
closed from the south line of the railroad
tracks.

The Kosuth avenue sewer bill passed,
as did the three bills giving the Inspector
of Bolders and Elevators more authority
in office.

Auditing Committee Apologetic.
The names of Arthur W. Rehfeldt, Fred
B. Murphy and former Secretary of State
Michael K. McGrath were approved by
Mayor Wells yesterday to inspect the
books of the Comptroller, City Treasurer
and any other offices that the Mayor may
choose. It is customary to appoint an
Auditing Commission at the close of the
fiscal year, which falls on April 1.

FLAMES COMPLETE WHAT STORM BEGAN

John Dinzer's Wrecked Saloon
and Dwelling in East St.
Louis Burned.

SERIOUS DAMAGE REPORTED.

Farmhouses in Madison County
Torn Down by Wind—
Streams Overflow Banks
Near Alton.

Fire destroyed the saloon and the dwell-
ing of John Dinzer at No. 250 and No.
252 Market avenue, East St. Louis, yester-
day morning. The houses had been al-
most demolished by the wind on Thursday
night and the fire finished what was left.
The cause of the fire is not known.

It developed yesterday that the storm
had caused a property loss of about \$30,000
at the Pittsburg Reduction plant and
about \$1,000 at the St. Louis Fireworks
Company's plant.

In addition to these and the losses re-
ported in yesterday's Republic was a two-
story brick house which had just been
erected by the Southern Illinois Construc-
tion Company in Alton. It was blown
down. The loss is estimated at about \$2,500.

Many cellars in East St. Louis were
flooded and in that section of East St.
Louis south of the Southern Railroad
tracks and near the Belt Railroad the
cellars had to walk through several inches
of water to and from their homes.

At Belleville it was feared for several
hours yesterday that the Richland Creek
would flood out the gas plant and put out
the fires in the furnaces. This occurred
about twelve years ago, and plans were
made yesterday to dam the water, if possi-
ble. Last evening the water was re-
ported to be subsiding. It is far out of its
banks and cellars in Switzer street were
flooded with water.

MADISON COUNTY DAMAGE.
The wind and rain storm in St. Clair
County Thursday night also wrought
much damage in Madison County. Ed-
wardsville escaped, but from that place
south through Glen Carbon, Maryville and
Collinsville to the St. Clair County line
are many damaged farmhouses and barns.
On the Herman Hecht farm, occupied by
Edward Meyer, the barn collapsed on
twelve horses. The country residence of
M. Schroppel of Collinsville, situated half
a mile north of there, was torn to pieces
and portions of it carried a quarter of a
mile. The barn and stable were also car-
ried away. A schoolhouse near Maryville
was carried bodily away.

In Collinsville the home of William
Gaetner was demolished, and not far
from it a two-story brick residence in
rains. A store at the corner of Park
avenue and the Troy road, lost a portion
of the roof walls. Supervisor Hartley
Lanham lost a stable, but no stock was
killed in it. The gale carried away the
roof and second story of the residence of
James Long, slightly injuring the occu-
pant.

Min. No. 2 of the Donk Bros. Coal
and Coke Company of St. Louis, located at
Maryville, lost two of the three big stacks,
and the last one is leaning.

The wind picked up the body of car No.
1 on the East St. Louis and Suburban five
miles south of Edwardsville, and lifting it
from the trucks, which were left on the
rails, hurled it into the ditch, upside down.
R. McGrew, conductor, and W. B. John-
son, motorman, both residing in Collinsville,
were removed from the wreck badly
hurt and were reported worse yesterday.
Johnson's leg was crushed and McGrew's
back injured. The nine passengers were
killed and bruised, but not seriously hurt.

Telephone communication with Collinsville,
Troy, St. Jacobs, Glen Carbon, Maryville
and other towns in the storm's path
was cut off entirely, and the mail serv-
ice was also hampered, the rural carrier
finding it impossible to cover their routes.
Falling trees broke all of the Clover
Leaf's wires between Ramsey and Bing-
ham.

RIVERS OVERFLOW NEAR ALTON.
The excessive rain of Thursday and Fri-
day night filled all of the small streams in
the vicinity of Alton full to their banks
by yesterday evening.

Wood River, Plasa Creek, with its sev-
eral branches, and all the other smaller
tributaries of the Mississippi were raging
yesterday, and considerable fear was ex-
pressed that, unless the rain should cease,
the next twenty-four hours would witness
considerable damage to the manufactur-
ing interests located near these streams.

In Jersey and Grundy counties all the
streams were bank full. Macoupin Creek,
Hodges Creek, Otter Creek, Apple Creek,
and many others were overflowing.

HOMES IN COUNTY FLOODED.
Large Amount of Damage Done in
Forest Park.

Several families residing on the Clayton
road were forced to move from their
homes last night because of the high
water in the River des Peres. From Forest
Park southward the river is out of its
banks in many places.

In the homes of Mrs. James Weatherly
and Mrs. William Huber the water stood
four feet deep. Patrolmen Schoen and
Turner of the Mounted District rescued
four families. They are being cared for
by neighbors, who live on higher ground.

In Forest Park a large amount of dam-
age has been caused by the flood. The
fish hatcheries in the park are all flooded.
As yet no estimate has been placed on
this damage. West of the Cottage in
Forest Park the water is also out of the
banks.

In South St. Louis and Carondelet no
damage has been reported.

Traffic on the World's Fair and Clayton
division of the Suburban Railway was
partly suspended yesterday on account of
the flooded condition of the river, which
overflowed the tracks on Sixty-sixth street
near the Olive Street road, to a depth of
three feet.

Passengers from Clayton and other
places transferred to the Creve Coeur Di-
vision of the Transit Company at the Del-
mar race track and retraversed at the
DeBaliviere sheds of the Olive Street and
Delmar avenue cars.

According to reports from the western
part of the county, the tracks of the
Rock Island Railway at Gumbo were sub-
merged. Trains were delayed yesterday
morning for two hours. It is said that
the Missouri Pacific tracks in the Creve
Coeur bottoms were also submerged.

FREEZING WEATHER CONTINUES TO-DAY

Rainfall for Twenty-Four Hours
Breaks Record in St. Louis
for March.

PRECIPITATION 3.57 INCHES.

Forecaster Says Cold Wave May
Be Sidetracked Early—Traf-
fic and Telegraph Lines
Interrupted.

The temperature reached the freezing
point at 11 o'clock last night. Colder
weather is predicted for to-day, although
there is the usual chance of a cold wave
being sidetracked.

With the exception of occasional res-
pites, it rained steadily from 3 o'clock
Thursday night until 8 o'clock last night,
and the total rainfall, as recorded by the
instruments at the local Government
Weather Bureau, for the twenty-four
hours, was 3.57 inches, which is the record
for precipitation for March in St. Louis.
The only near comparison of rainfall for